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1. OUR SOURCES TELL US THAT WHILE MANY EXPELLED EGYPTIAN WORKERS MAY HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY EMPLOYED IN LIBYA (REFTEL), MANY OTHERS WERE LEGALLY EMPLOYED EVEN THOUGH WITHOUT SPECIFIC PERSONAL AUTHORIZATION.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT TYPICALLY A LIBYAN ENTREPRENEUR WOULD GET GOL PERMISSION TO EMPLOY GIVEN NUMBERS OF FOREIGN WORKERS FOR HIS ENTERPRISE. EGYPTIANS (AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS) WOULD THEN BE RECRUITED TO FILL THESE POSITIONS UNDER "BLANKET PERMIT." INDIVIDUAL WORKER WOULD NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY HAVE WORK PERMIT IN OWN NAME.

3. IN ADDITION, EXPULSION IS AFFECTING OTHER EGYPTIANS THAN SIMPLE LABORERS. WE ARE TOLD OF ENGINEER NEIGHBOR OF LOCAL NEWSMAN WHO HAD BEEN FOR FOUR YEARS UNDER PERSONAL CONTRACT IN LIBYA AND HAD OWN HOME THERE. AFTER VACATION HERE DURING
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RECENT HOLIDAYS, HE AND FAMILY WERE REFUSED ADMISSION AT SOLLUM

WHEN THEY SOUGHT TO RETURN TO TRIPOLI.
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